

tration of thymol and epsom salts, is the only way to clear up the diagnosis. Where an anemia exists for any length of time, in a sandy or even a malarial country, especially in people of careless habits, the stools should be carefully examined for the anchylostomata, or their eggs.

A blood examination is the only reliable means of making a positive diagnosis in early cases of pernicious anemia. This patient had passed through the hands of several competent men in the East, who had made a diagnosis of a simple anemia, and put the patient on an iron preparation, with a favorable prognosis, though without any improvement in the patient. A low red count, the presence of large nucleated reds with a relative increase in the hemaglobin, is almost diagnostic of pernicious anemia—where no intestinal parasites are present. Poikilocytosis may be found in a simple anemia. In chlorosis the percentage of hemaglobin is either diminished or stationary.

In preparing blood smears for microscopic examination, it is necessary to have cover glasses, which have been cleaned with alcohol and an absolutely clean old linen cloth or handkerchief. The fingers should not touch the cover slips after they are once cleaned. The blood will not spread evenly on a dirty slip. Then, too, a dirty cover slip may cause some post mortem changes in the blood. The end of the little finger or lobe of the ear is then cleaned, and a deep stab made with a cutting needle, to insure plenty of blood. The first few drops of blood are wiped away, then touch the next drop lightly with the cover slip, so as to get a very small drop of blood. Then place another cover slip over the first, and slide them apart on a horizontal plane, and allow them to dry in the air, then fix by heat at 110° c. for two minutes, or in equal parts of ether and absolute alcohol for an hour. Then stain with Erlich's tripple stain for about seven minutes, or Simons' Eosinate of Methybenzene. The specimen may then be mounted in Canada balsam and examined under an oil immersion lens.

The prognosis in pernicious anemia is bad. Some cases have apparently recovered under arsenic. These patients have relapses, however, so a guarded prognosis should be given.

Condemnation of the Division of Fees.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the Chicago Medical Society, Dr. Arthur Dean Bevan offered the following resolution which is to be voted on at a subsequent meeting and then, if adopted, to be incorporated as an amendment to the Constitution: "Any member who is guilty of giving or receiving a commission, or of entering into any arrangement for the division of a fee for professional services, which arrangement is not known and fully understood by the patient or party by whom such fee is paid, shall be guilty of unprofessional conduct."—*Medical Record*.

Nurses' Journal.

The California State Nurses' Association has undertaken the regular quarterly publication of a journal with the title "*The Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast*," and the first number has recently been received. It is certainly a most creditable production. It is a thoroughly businesslike publication, properly gotten up, well printed on good paper, and in every point of mechanical construction, most praiseworthy. The reading matter contained is also excellent, and the officers of the Association are to be highly complimented on their work. This number contains the following papers: History of the Association; St. Dorothy's Rest; A Talk with Nurses in Private Practice; An Australian Nurse in America; State Registration; Visiting Nurses in San Francisco; Emergency Hospital in a Large Department Store; Scientific Study for Nurses; The Pioneer Nurse. It also contains a list of the members of the Association.

A Manufacturer's Troubles.

Among the alleged infringers upon whom Parke, Davis & Co. have served notices for the purpose of protecting their patent rights in Adrenalin are Armour & Co., manufacturers of Suprarenalin; Eli Lilly & Co., makers of Sanguestin; H. K. Mulford & Co., manufacturers of Adrin; Frederick Stearns & Co., manufacturers of Adnephrin; Henry K. Wampole & Co., manufacturers of Hemostatin, and John Wyeth & Bro., manufacturers of Catrenalin. In this connection the Tribunal of Commerce, Brussels, Belgium, has rendered a decision in favor of the defendants in the case of Comar & Cie vs. Parke, Davis & Co., of Detroit. The suit was brought by the plaintiffs to obtain a judgment, stating that the name "Adrenalin" was not the lawful copyright of the defendants, Parke, Davis & Co. The most important of the claims set up by the plaintiffs were that the word "Adrenalin" was a descriptive word; that the inventors had allowed their rights to lapse, and that the plaintiffs had deposited the word "Adrenalin" as a trade mark at the International Bureau at Berne before the defendants. The court held, however, that none of these contentions was valid and gave judgment in favor of Parke, Davis & Co., the plaintiffs, Comar & Cie paying all the costs.—*Am. Med. Journalist*.

California Medical and Surgical Reporter.

A new medical journal has been born in the southland and to it has been given the name above. Los Angeles certainly must be a very live and lively city, for this is the fourth medical journal to be issued from the metropolis of the south. Dr. Charles F. Wagar is the editor in chief and he seems to have secured for associates or assistants some 39 physicians of Southern California. We would not be considered as small-minded or hypercritical, but, on the face of it, it is a trifle difficult to see just wherein is the paramount necessity for another medical journal, either here or anywhere else, for the matter of that. The principal trouble with the host of privately owned medical journals is that they must make money to live, and that the money must come from advertisers. There are no rules and no scruples to hold them back, and so the chionias and the sengs, the antikamnas and the antiphlogistines, the sanmettos and the tongalines, are enabled to keep on presenting themselves to the gullible physician, who is naturally a credulous, guileless and trusting man and believes too much that is printed and paid for.

The Secret Disclosed.

It is announced that "Health Hints for the Household," that now almost historic document, "issued by the Board of Health of San Francisco for the purpose of furnishing medical information, briefly, in regard to the care in the families of contagious, communicable and infectious diseases," was written by no less a person than Dr. D. F. Ragan. In a way, this is surprising, for if memory serves, Dr. Ragan was once connected—nay, even intimately connected, with the School Board of San Francisco, and consequently one would hardly look for such grotesque and anomalous forms of the poor English language, in a document written by a former school official.

Shall I Operate?

Billroth, in writing to a Russian surgeon regarding the fatal malady of Pirogoff, a palatal neoplasm, refused to operate or to advise an operation, saying:

"I am not that bold operator whom you knew years ago in Zürich. Before deciding on the necessity for an operation I always propose to myself this question: 'Would you permit such an operation as you intend performing on your patient to be done on yourself?' Years and experience bring in their train a certain degree of hesitancy (Zurückhaltung)."—Dr. C. A. Powers, Address, A. M. A.